

The 115th annual Bent-Prowers Cattle & Horse Growers Assn. meeting was called to order at 1:25 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 20, 1982, by President Dr. James C. McMillin at the Student Center, Otero Junior College, LaJunta, Colo. Director D. J. Chelining gave the invocation and the Junior Cattlemen led in the singing of Alliance.

The Junior and Cowbellers were excused and Roger Maddux, Pres. - elect of the LaJunta Chamber of Commerce gave a welcome to the city of LaJunta.

The minutes of the 112th annual meeting were read and approved.

President McMillin discussed the results of the resolutions approved at the 112th annual meeting. Of special interest was the Cattle Futures resolution which was tabled at the CCA annual convention and at the CCA mid-winter convention was voted to take to the NCA convention to abolish the futures. Bent-Prowers held a meeting in Las Animas to learn more of the pros and cons of the futures and decided to amend the resolutions at mid-winter to have a group of knowledgeable people from CCA study and make recommendations to the CCA Board of Control for approval to take to NCA. This amendment was defeated at mid-winter, but then voted on to be used as a directive to the Board of Control.

Sec. - Treas. Rebecca S. Larrew gave the financial report and budget report. Both were approved. McMillin reported on the financial stability of the organization and urged payment of dues and purchase of signs.

President McMillin then called upon Bent-Prowers committee reports. Concerning Brand and Theft, McMillin reported on the new program Operation Cattle Theft which will pay a reward for an arrest and conviction for the theft of cattle. The Colorado Division of Wildlife has offered their hotline, along with cooperation with the Colorado State Board of Stock Inspection and the Colorado State Patrol and county law enforcement officials. Each local cattlemen's assn. in Colo. has voted to pay \$1.00 per member to start the fund.

Rebecca Larrew reported on Cattleguard and told about the workshops being put on by the Cattleguard to help the locals deal better with the media.

Gene Keenen reported on Game and Fish along with Bruce McClosky of the Colo. Game and Fish. They discussed the three year structure of the hunting seasons which will be due in 1982 and new seasons will be set this summer for the next three years. McClosky noted that if Bent-Prowers had input for the seasons, they needed to be directed to Mike Higbee, representative for SE Colo. on the Game and Fish Board. Explanations were also given on spotlight hunting at night.

McMillin reported on Marketing and beef promotion and Livestock sanitation. He discussed a case of bangs in SE Colo. McMillin went through the new classification for the states with brucellosis. Class one will be states free of brucellosis. Class A will be states with a herd infection rate of .25 percent. Colorado will fall in Class A. Class B state will have a herd infection rate of 1 1/2 percent or less. Class C state will have a herd infection rate of greater than 1 1/2 percent. Certain rules will be followed for testing and permits for movement according to a states classification.

E. L. Matthew gave a water report. He reported that the winter water storage program received a go ahead to continue for 112 days as of Feb. 19,

Members' report was given by Corwin Brown. Brown reported Bent-Prowers regained their position as largest in the state from the San Luis Valley. He noted there is now a challenge from the San Luis Valley, who ever is the smaller of the two at the CCA annual convention will receive a burro. As of now there are 171 paid members which is below last years. Total membership for 1981 was 323. Brown stated memberships are crucial to the locals and crucial to the state association, as a means of getting representation which is strong and active.

McMillin pointed out that the strength from numbers is what gets many things done at the local and state and national levels. The work done by CCA and NCA in the last several years has saved the individual more in taxes than many will pay in dues for many years. The price of dues is small compared with the savings.

Corwin Brown reported that the BLM have approximately 75,000 acres of BLM land in the Canyon City District which the BLM is presently offering for sale or exchange, basically exchange. Every acre is presently under a lease or permit.

President McMillin reported on the CCA Endowment Trust. Over the years Bent-Prowers have made 124 donations for a total of \$16,552.03.

President of Colorado Cattlemen's President Marshall Frasier was introduced by McMillin. Mr. Frasier stated that the cattlemen have been the world's greatest producers and the world's worst marketers. He noted that the new beef promotions will start the day after Easter with the idea not to increase consumption but to increase price. Frasier replaced M.A. "Pat" Farree on the Beef Board after Mr. Farree's death. Hoped to get the Beef Board checkoff to 25¢ and urged everyone to leave their money in and not ask for refunds. On exporting of beef, Frasier explained that Japan is one of only a few who like the American beef, choice and prime. European countries prefer red meat.

On the federal level Frasier discussed the gift tax which has raised from \$3,000 to \$10,000 or a couple can give \$20,000. The marital deductions now are unlimited on what one couple can leave to each other and the limit an individual can give to their children is \$215,000. In 1987 the limit will be \$600,000 besides the couple marital deductions.

At the NCA meeting in San Antonio Frasier noted that the NCA took a stand to maintain a recommended 3 tenths of an inch of back fat on the 12th rib which is what the USDA took out of the beef grading changes.

Concerning the futures resolutions Frasier reported that Colorado has 3 board members on NCA. A directive came from the committee at NCA to form a surveillance committee to work with the Chicago Mercantile Exchange to try to improve the futures. Colorado amended the directive to state who was to serve on the committee and other suggestions. Bob Haselhurch has been recommended to serve from Colorado.

On membership Frasier brought up the new life membership program in the CCA. The memberships can be for both man and wife with survivor right. According to the amount of membership paid there will be categories. There is also an affiliate membership which is for 10 years. This was set up for business or individuals who were not actually cattle raisers.

The CCA convention will be held June 16, 17 & 19 in Fort Morgan.

President McMillin then introduced CCA 2nd Vice President Tom Spencer from Colorado Springs. Discussing tax proposals under recommendations are a couple of constitutional amendments which would do away with the 5% inventory tax now paid on cattle and also the inventory tax on business. At the Animal Health meeting in San Antonio the federal budget for brucellosis was reported to be cut from \$91 million in 1982 to \$60 million in 1983; \$26 million in 1984 and \$6 million in 1985. Spencer stressed there will be a need for the state to be prepared to help continue the program. There is a need for local input on how the regulations and what they would be in the future.

As of concern to the scabe, a recent case of scabe has been cleaned up and at present there are only 33 herds in Colo. with scabe. The federal money for scabe has been cut as of Feb. 5, 1982 and all the federal men who were working on scabe are now working on brucellosis and the state men are working only on scabe.

At the NCA meeting Spencer noted that there had been an insistence on having as many office help eliminated as there would be men in the field.

Spencer, who sits on the Colo. Board of Brand Inspection noted that the Brand Board assignments will be out this year and as the total number of cattle in Colorado continue to decline, there will be fewer inspectors in the field unless the trend should change.

President McMillin then introduced Bent-Prowers members who serve on the CCA Board of Control. They include Mick Mendenhall, CCA Treasurer; Narvey Larrew, member at large, and Ken Clark, past CCA president.

Mendenhall reported membership are only approximately 1/2 paid. Those not paying shortly will receive a pink slip in their Cattle Guard, which will be their last.

Senator Ken Clark then took the stand and discussed several items including the drunk driving bill; two water projects which have been approved by the state; the lottery bill (now proposed will give 1/2 of money raised to water and 1/2 to Parks and Recreation; and the tightening of belts as federal cuts begin to take effect and the effect benefits received to thru the state. Clark also discussed the effects of the probability of losing many rural legislatures in 1982 due to re-districting and many not running again.

President McMillin introduced representatives of the Colorado State Patrol; Sgt. E. L. Benson of Lamar and Sgt. Paul Madrid of La Junta. Sgt. Madrid requested more information when necessary such as brand information and knowledge of transport rules.

Jim Connelly President of the Lincoln County Cattlemen's commented on the work being done in his area to combat a proposed hazardous waste dump between Limon and Genoa and Last Chance.

Southeast Colorado Cowbelle President Mildred Wollert gave the yearly report of the Cowbells. She reported that Colorado now has the National Cowbelle President, June Bradley from Colorado Springs; there were 8 participants in the local beef cookoff; Their Cowbelle Queen was Elizabeth Lamson and honored Helen Crow, who wrote the history of the SE Colo. Cowbells for the Bent County History Book. Mrs. Crowe was the originator of the group 25 years ago.

Mrs. LaRue Frasier, Colorado State Cowbelle President spoke to the group on the work done by the state. She discussed the work done by the Beef Board educating the young people in the large cities on beef by-products and the preparation and types of beef available. Colorado Cowbells collected \$10,434.00 for the June Bradley Traveling Fund.

Loren Schleining gave the Junior Cattlemen's report. The Juniors had their election of officers during their meeting. Officers included: Loren Schleining - President, Stacey Bezona - Vice President, Delane Creech - Sec. Treas., Stephanie Smartt - Calf Chain Sec., Cody DuVall and Darren Stevens - one year directors, Brian DuVall - two year director, Trina and Randy Barnes - Reported and Historian, and John Smartt, Steve McEndree, Leland Barnes and Ken Larrew as advisors. Loren reported they had a film on Russia during their meeting compliments of Doug Lubbers on his trip to that country. New to their program is a traveling trophy which will be awarded according to points earned. At the end of 3 years the trophy will go to the highest points over the e year period.

Junior Cattlemen's Advisor, John Smartt noted the need for new members and expressed a desire to know to young people interested.

Smartt then gave the financial report for the Bent-Prowers Cattle and Horse Growers Endowment Fund. As Sec. Treas. Smartt reported income for the year of \$3,540.58, expenses for \$170.90 and invested income of \$3,369.68.

President McMillin discussed the proposal from Dick Klett to possibly procure a room at Bent's Fort to display memorabilia from Bent-Prowers. Klett has many items, such as his brand to use in a display.

2nd Vice-President Leland Barnes then presented the slate of resolutions for voting.

1. SENTENCING OF CRIMINALS = Barnes motioned for adoption. Seconded by Lew Mathews. Passed.

2. ANTELOPE CONTROL AND HUNTING SEASONS - Barnes motioned for adoption. Seconded by Bill Sparks. Discussion. Clyde McEndree motioned to remove next to last paragraph. Gene Keenan seconded. Passed. The resolution was carried with change.

3. HAZARDOUS WASTE DISPOSAL DEPOSITORIES - Lew Mathews motion to accept. Joe Oswald seconded. Passed.

4. UTILITY UNDERGROUND LINES = Discussion. Joe Autry motioned to make change to 4 feet. Lew Mathews seconded. Defeated. John Smartt motioned to table the resolution. Seconded by Joe Oswald. Passed.

5. THANK YOU TO LAJUNTA - Lew Mathews motioned. Steve Ptolmey seconded. Passed.

6. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF APPRECIATION - Barnes motioned for adoption. Joe Autry seconded. Passed.

7. DECEASED MEMBERS - Joe Autry motioned. Lew Mathews seconded. Passed. A moment of silence was given in remembrance of those no longer with us.

McMillin then gave a thank you to the Federal Land Bank and Production Credit Association for their coffee and donuts.

McMillin noted a recycling bill similar to Oregon's would be beneficial to the state of Colorado.

E. L. "Tuffy" Matthew, Chairman of the Nominating Committee presented the slate for 1982. Lew Mathews motioned to accept the officers and directors as offered. John Smartt seconded. Passed.

Officers

President - Corwin Brown
1st Vice-President - Leland Barnes
2nd Vice-President - Gene Keenan
Secretary - Treasurer - Rebecca Larrew

Directors

George Blackburn
Ken Clark
Ed Dean
John Givan
W. T. Hughes
Joe Kasza
Gene Keenan
Narvey Larrew
E. L. Matthew
Lew Mathews
Clyde McEndree
Warren McKitrick
H. H. Mendenhall
Wm. E. Rose
D. J. Schleining
John Smartt
Bill Sparks
Bill Wootten
Virgil Lessenden
Jim Larrick

McMillin made reference to the brand quilts being made by Nancy Barnes for the Bent-Prowers Endowment. He noted she still needed 40 brands to complete the second quilt.

President McMillin then turned the meeting over to Corwin Brown the new president for 1982. Brown asked everyone to remember that Bent-Prowers is a grass roots organization and needed input from the general membership. He also asks for everyone's help with membership and to sell the signs.

E. L. Matthew motioned for adjournment. John Givan seconded. Passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Rebecca S. Larrew
Sec. - Treas.

During the evening festivities attended by 157 people at the Our Lady of Guadalupe Church, Helen Crowe and Edward P. Daan were presented Honorary Life Memberships. The auction by Ken Larrew brought \$1,075.00 for the Bent-Prowers endowment. \$400 from the brand quilt purchased by Dr and Mrs. James McMillin. and \$675 from a brand pot and burner donated by Robert Keenen. The welcome was given by Spencer Burtis of the LaJunta Tribune Democrat.

RESOLUTION #1
SENTENCING OF CRIMINALS


WHEREAS: Certain "interest groups" made up primarily of social workers and prison reform groups are advocating a change in the law where only violent crimes will be punishable with prison sentences, and all non-violent crimes cannot be punishable with prison sentences and

WHEREAS: This would place the theft of livestock in the category of non-violent crimes unpunishable by a prison sentence and,

WHEREAS: This would only make it more desirable to steal livestock, burglarize home, break and enter, and many other non-violent crimes.

Therefore be it resolved that Bent-Prowers Cattle and Horse Growers Association go on record that it opposes any such changes in the law, but recommends that our present laws be more fully enforced and require all crimes, both violent and non-violent, be punished to the full extent of the law or laws that are broken.

And Therefore be it further resolved that Bent-Prowers Cattle and Horse Growers Association go on record that the Classification for the theft of livestock be changed from a Class Five Felony to a Class Two Felony.



RESOLUTION #2
ANTELOPE CONTROL AND HUNTING SEASONS

WHEREAS: Over the past several years there have been instances of progress being made in the cooperation between the Colorado Division of Wildlife, landowners and livestock producers, to the benefit of all parties involved including the sportsman and,

WHEREAS: Bent-Prowers Cattle & Horse Growers Association would like to see this progress continue and,

WHEREAS: Over the past several years, under the present game management of short seasons and sportsmen numbers being regulated by the present permit drawing system, antelope numbers have steadily increased and.

WHEREAS: This has become a great concern to both the Division of Wildlife, local landowners and livestock producers alike and,

WHEREAS: The Division of Wildlife is presently trying to alleviate this problem by creating additional post seasons in certain areas and by the trapping and transplanting of antelope into other areas and,

WHEREAS: The trapping and transplanting, while giving some relief to the area where the trapping is taking place, it only adds to the problems in the area they are transplanted into.

Therefore, be it resolved, that Bent-Prowers Cattle & Horse Growers Association suggests and recommends that the Colorado Division of Wildlife eliminate the present permit drawing system of obtaining antelope hunting license, and in its place allow all interested sportsmen the

opportunity to purchase an antelope hunting license as they do with other big game species such as deer and elk.

Be it also resolved, that Bent-Prowers Cattle and Horse Growers Association go on record that it feels the implementation of these changes will assist in better game management, eliminate trapping and transplanting, fulfill the needs of the landowner and livestock producers, as well as being beneficial to the sportsman and the Division of Wildlife.

RESOLUTION #3
HAZARDOUS WASTE DISPOSAL DEPOSITORIES

WHEREAS: Serious studies are being made by various private and governmental agencies to put hazardous waste disposal depositories in the Pinon Canyon and Hugo areas and,

WHEREAS: Uncontaminated water is the life blood of all livestock producers and farmers of Southeastern Colorado and,

WHEREAS: If such depositories are put in these areas, the risk of contamination of the Arkansas River, the Purgatory River, Sand Creek and the underground aquifers of the area is very likely.

Therefore, be it resolved that Bent-Prowers Cattle & Horse Growers Association go on record opposing any hazardous waste disposal depository anywhere in the Southeastern quarter of Colorado.

Resolution #6
Acknowledgement of Appreciation

We the members of Bent-Prowers Cattle and Horse Growers Association would like to thank the officers and directors of 1981-1982 for their dedication attending meetings and the hard work each has done on our behalf.

We would like to commend the officers of the Colorado Cattlemen's Association and the National Cattlemen's Association.

RESOLUTION #5

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, that the Bent-Prowers Cattle & Horse Growers Association takes this opportunity to offer sincere thanks and appreciation to the companies, media, and individuals who made us welcome here in La Junta and so generously contributed to the success of this 113th Annual Meeting.

RESOLUTION #6

Since our last annual meeting, many of our beloved and valued members have passed to their reward. We, who remain, have enjoyed and benefited from their association, and we are saddened by their absence.

We share in the sorrow of their families and loved ones and to their memory, we pledge to support the principles which these great men and women, who have gone on before us, have firmly instilled in our Association.

We, the members of the Bent-Prowers Cattle & Horse Growers Association now stand to take a moment to memorialize our deceased members.

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RESOLUTION #4
UTILITY UNDERGROUND LINES

WHEREAS: It has become the practice of public utilities such as natural gas companies, telephone companies, etc., to bury their lines underground and,

WHEREAS: These lines are often laid in areas that fences must be built and farming is carried on and,

WHEREAS: In many cases the fence post holes and farming is done deeper than the lines are being laid and,

WHEREAS: This has caused many utility lines to be cut or broken, which has caused considerable damage to all parties.

Therefore, be it resolved that Bent-Prowers Cattle & Horse Growers Association go on record that all utility lines be buried a minimum of five feet in depth and that all such lines be adequately marked in one standard color and type of marker instead of the various and different types used by each individual company.